

## TITLE 2400 - TIMBER MANAGEMENT

2440.32 - Load Accountability.

A. Branding. Branding logs or otherwise positively identifying loads of logs is mandatory on all Forest Service sales. Such branding shall be done before the logs leave the sale area.

A unique brand for each sale will be assigned and a brand will be assigned for the insect infested timber when hauled separately from the green wood. The Forest Supervisor will coordinate the assignment of brands. The brand and the last three digits of the log removal permit must be painted on one log per load.

Once a brand has been assigned to a sale, it will not be reassigned until the Forest Supervisor has been notified of its release, in writing, by the District Ranger.

B. Log Accountability Procedures.

1. District Rangers will make individual load checks and document such log accountability checks in a memorandum to the Forest Supervisor at the end of each calendar quarter. The total number of checks shall be no less than 3% of the total loads hauled from each sale.

2. Loads not properly branded or where log removal permits are not properly filled out. Options:

- a. Detain the load until discrepancies are corrected.
- b. Issue the driver a violation notice.

(1) Title 36, Chapter II, Code of Federal Regulations, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Subpart A - General Prohibitions, Section 261.6E, provides that: Loading, removing or hauling any timber or other forest products acquired under any permit or timber sale contract unless such product is identified as required in such permit or contract. This section provides for a standard forfeiture of collateral of \$25.00 in South Dakota and \$10.00 in Wyoming.

If a driver claims the load is from private land, allow the truck to proceed. However, you should identify the truck and attempt to verify the driver's claim.

Under no circumstances will you allow a truck hauling timber from National Forest land to proceed until deficiencies have been corrected.

(2) Violation notices will only be issued by qualified individuals.

(3) B6.84 Accountability: Provides that proper accountability procedures are met. You may initiate breach of contract action and suspend hauling operations until you are assured that log accountability procedures will be met.

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Log Removal Receipts

Receipt books (R2-2440-1 and R2-2440-5) are of two colors:

Yellow - to be used on loads containing sawtimber products and mixed product loads.

Blue - to be used on loads containing only Products Other Than Logs (POL). To be used for both scaled and unscaled POL. May also be used for removal of chunks of less than sawlog length which have been improperly bucked.